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REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Tom Robison, General Manager
Western Clay Company
P. O. Box 1064
Aurora, Utah 84620

RE: Satisfaction of Outstanding
Conditions Prior to Final
Approval
Redmond Limestone Quarry
ACT/041/004
Bentonite Pit
Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Robison:

As you will recall, on March 3, 1983 you were informed of tentative approval for the Redmond Limestone Quarry. Included in the aforementioned tentative approval letter was a list of conditions. The conditions are yet to be satisfied. Also, as you are aware, concerns regarding the bond have come up recently. In order to allow the Division to issue final approval for this mining operation, Western Clay must do the following:

1. Condition B requests a written commitment to items 1-4 as stated in the March 3 letter (see enclosure). This written commitment from Western Clay has not yet been received. Please provide a letter to satisfy this condition.
2. Condition C addressed the bond. This is obviously the main problem at this time. Efforts have been made to decrease the acreage and thereby the bond total. This is agreeable to both the Division of State Lands and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining provided the following:

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THE ACREAGE CLAIMED DISTURBED BY WESTERN CLAY IS DOCUMENTED BY A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM A DISINTERESTED REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR.

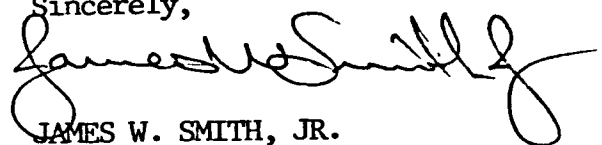
At that time, the exact amount of bond (approximately \$1,000.00 per acre) will be determined. This will include both State and fee lands affected by the quarry operations. Such bond shall be posted with and held by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in behalf of the Division of State Lands.

Once these conditions are met, Western Clay will be issued a final approval letter and will at that time be in compliance with State law.

With regard to the bentonite pit, as you are aware it has been deemed to be in excess of two acres, thus it no longer complies with the requirements of a Declaration of Exemption (DOE). We will shortly expect a Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for this operation pursuant to your phone conversation with Tom Portle on March 30, 1983. Also, we would remind you that according to item #2 of the March 7, 1983 letter from Mr. John Blake, of the Division of State Lands (copy enclosed), no mining is to be conducted until an approved plan is in the possession of Western Clay. Secondly, we would encourage you to post a bond as indicated in item #1 of the aforementioned letter.

Please keep us apprised as to the actions of your company pursuant to fulfilling all requirements described in this letter. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

JWS/TLP:btb

Enclosures

cc: John Blake, Division of State Lands
P. Grubaugh-Littig, DOGM